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EXECUTIVE ORDER 06-25

SECRETARY SERVICES

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency that a severe storm system causing damages associated with high winds and torrential rain has impacted communities in the east central part of the State of Missouri, including but not limited to St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, there have been reports of approximately 30 injuries as a result of this storm system; and

WHEREAS, the severe storm that began on July 19, 2006 has caused the loss of power to approximately 500,000 residents in the impacted areas, and has created a hazard to the safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of the State of Missouri beyond the capabilities of some local and other established agencies; and

WHEREAS, the heat index is expected to exceed 110 degrees; and

WHEREAS, the resources of the State of Missouri may be needed to assist affected jurisdictions and to help relieve the hazard to the safety and welfare of our fellow Missourians; and

WHEREAS, protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of the State requires an invocation of the provisions of Section 44.032, Section 44.100, and Section 44.110 RSMo.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT BLUNT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Missouri, including Sections 44.032, 44.100, and 44.110 RSMo, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Missouri. I do hereby direct that the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan be activated.

I further authorize the use of state agencies to provide assistance, as needed.

This order shall terminate on August 19, 2006, unless extended in whole or in part.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri in the City of Jefferson on this 20th day of July 2006.

ATTEST:

Matt Blunt Governor

Robin Carnahan Secretary of State